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**IRS SELECTS SENIOR INDUSTRY ADVISOR FOR LARGE AND MID-SIZE HEAVY
MANUFACTURING & TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY**

WASHINGTON -- The Internal Revenue Service announced today the appointment of Robert D. Adams as Senior Industry Advisor to the Large and Mid-Size Business (LMSB) division overseeing heavy manufacturing and transportation. He will be based in Iselin, New Jersey.

The heavy manufacturing and transportation industry segment of LMSB provides service to about 42,600 taxpayers involved in manufacturing, shipping, the aerospace and automotive industries and real estate. Wholesale and retail sellers of these finished products and their ancillary products and services are also included in this industry segment. This division began operating in June 2000.

"Our senior industry advisors have primary responsibility for providing policy-level technical analysis and advice to the Industry Director in support of LMSB's goal of ensuring consistency of approach and equitable treatment of taxpayers," said Larry R. Langdon, Commissioner, LMSB.

Adams will work with the IRS staff to increase awareness of industry issues and provide a taxpayer's perspective on industry-wide matters. Adams will also assist the Director in building strong relationships with industry associations, other government entities and taxpayers.

The position of senior industry advisor results from the reorganization of the IRS and the creation of the Large and Mid-Size Business division to better serve corporate taxpayers. Five senior industry advisors, each overseeing different sectors of the economy, assist the division in administering the tax system with greater skill and understanding. Adams is the fifth senior industry advisor to join the division.

Prior to his current executive appointment, Adams was the Director of Tax Planning at Nortel Networks. He also served, as Vice President of Income Taxes for MCI, was General Tax Counsel for the Halliburton Company, the Director of Taxes for Western Atlas International, Inc. and Vice President of Administrative Services for the Ingram Group.

An active member with the Tax Executive Institute, Adams is an attorney and certified public accountant. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Southwest Louisiana and a law degree from Tulane University. His professional memberships include the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Louisiana Bar Association and the United States Tax Court Bar.

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